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- 6. Cable to NPIC and reply (SAM System search Attachments 1 and 2).
- 7. (Attachments 3 and 4).
- 8. (Attachment 5).
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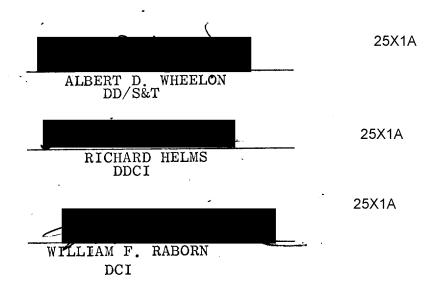
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	NUMBER	C365C
	LAUNCH DATE/TIME	03/0125Z/Ju1y
	TOTAL DISTANCE	834NM
	TOTAL TIME/DENIED TERRITORY TIME	2+11/+50
	PENETRATION ALTITUDE	70M
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	FUEL RESERVE	220 Gal
	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	Systems 3, 6, 9B, 12B,
	·	13A, "B" Configuration
		and Oscar Sierra

APPROVALS:



1300, 2 July 1965

VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE FOR MISSION C365C

CONCLUSION:

There are no known surface-to-air missile defenses in the Formosa Strait area capable of interfering with Mission C365C. The risk of a successful U-2 intercept by a MIG-21 on this mission is less than 10%.

GENERAL:

The MIG-15, 17, and 19 do not present a threat to the U-2 at 70,000 feet. Of these three fighter types, none can cruise supersonic. The MIG-19 can exceed Mach 1, perform a dynamic climb to approximately 62,000 feet and cruise subsonic, steady state at 59,000 plus or minus 1000 feet. The MIG-19 does not have sufficient power to perform an effective ZOOM maneuver.

The MIG-21 has the capability of intercepting the U-2 at 70,000 feet by performing a ZOOM maneuver and launching an AA-2 Sidewinder type IR missile.

AIR ORDER OF BATTLE FOR FORMOSA STRAIT:

There are four airfields directly related to Mission C365C. Two MIG-19 aircraft are at Fu Chou and two MIG-19 aircraft at Hsingning. Liencheng and Lungchi have MIG-15/17 aircraft. MIG-21 aircraft are located at Leiyang and Nanchang, over 230 NM away.

Based on the latest photography and COMINT evidence, we estimate approximately 5 MIG-21's to be based at the airfields mentioned earlier. Of this number we estimate two MIG-21 to be on strip alert and within range of Mission C365C. If this assumption is correct, then the estimated risk of a successful MIG-21 intercept against the U-2 at 70,000 feet is less than 10%. This figure is correct only if the whole intercept system, including GCI, is perfect throughout the intercept attempt. Red Chinese fighters have penetrated international waters in the past and we must assume they will continue to intercept reconnaissance flights in the future.

A request for a SAM search thirty nautical miles either side of planned track has been levied on NPIC. The results were negative and copies of the request and results may be found elsewhere in this report.

REQUIREMENT: STATED IN COMOR 25/142 OF FEB 1965.

APPROVED BY USIB 3 MARCH 1965.

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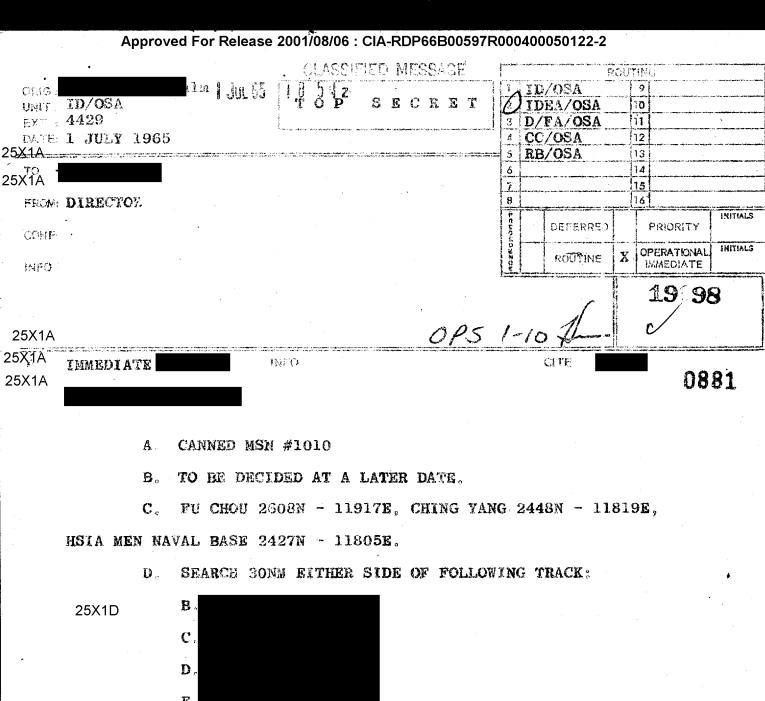
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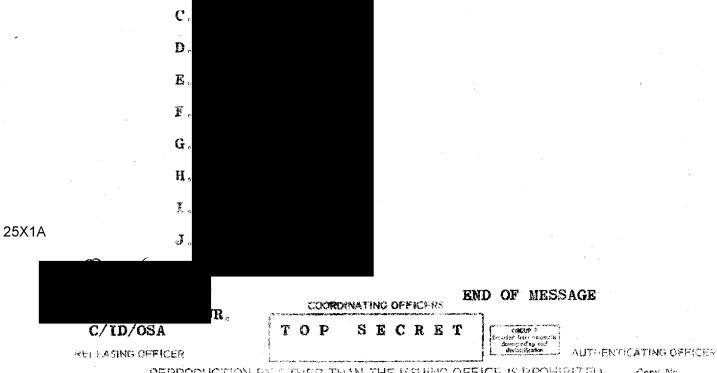
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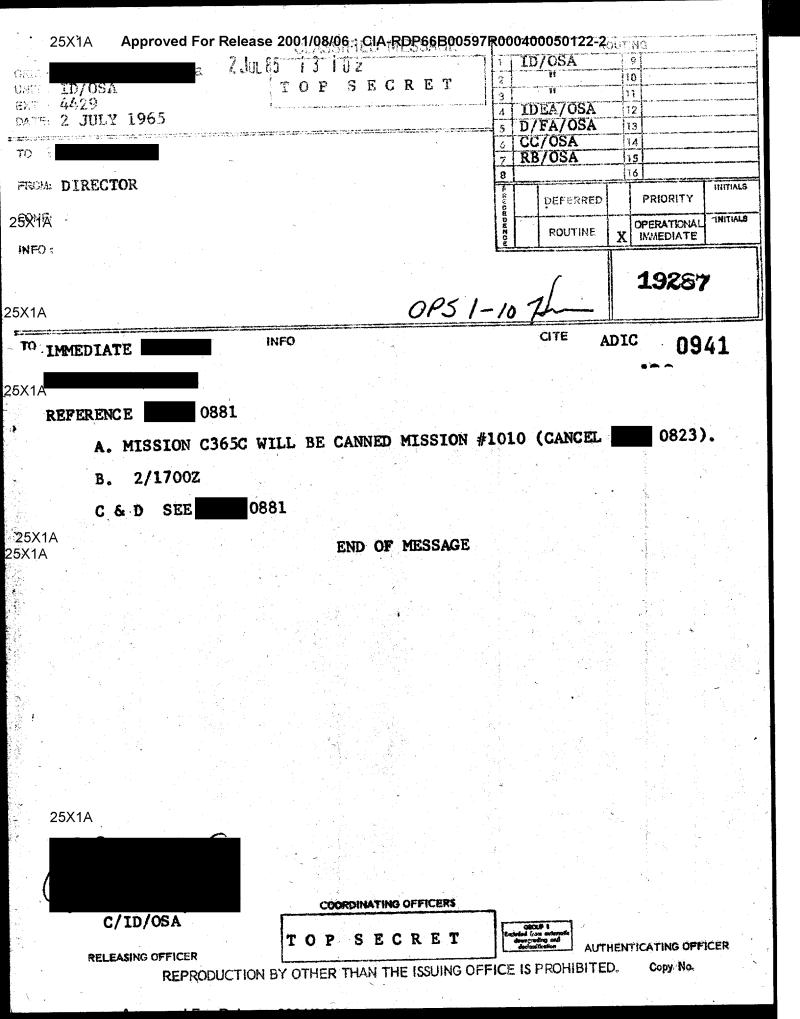
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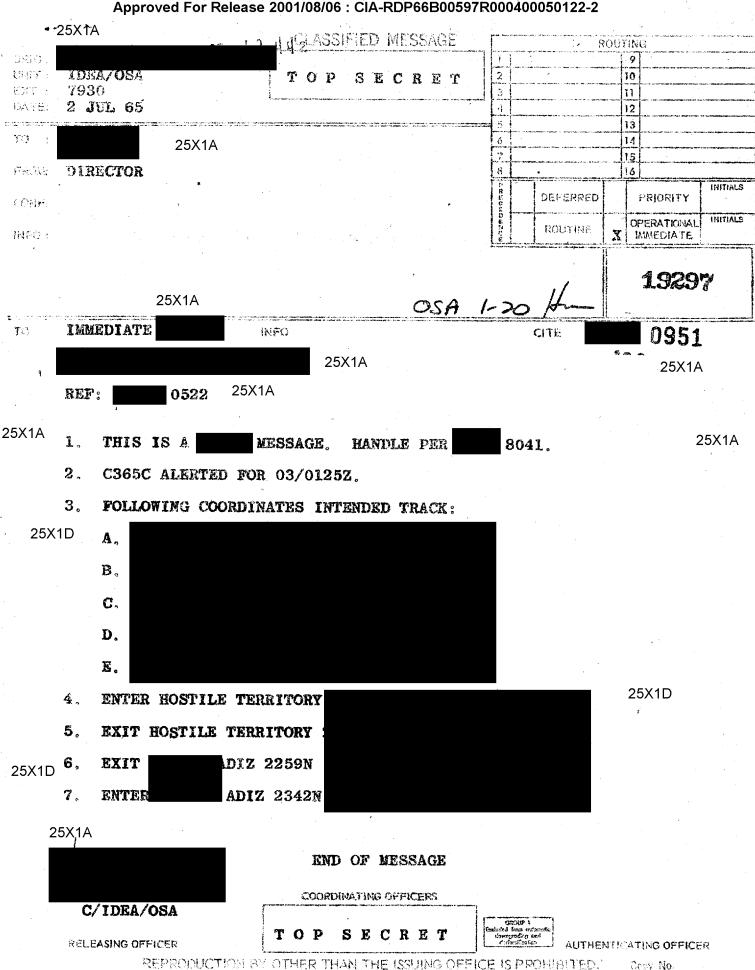


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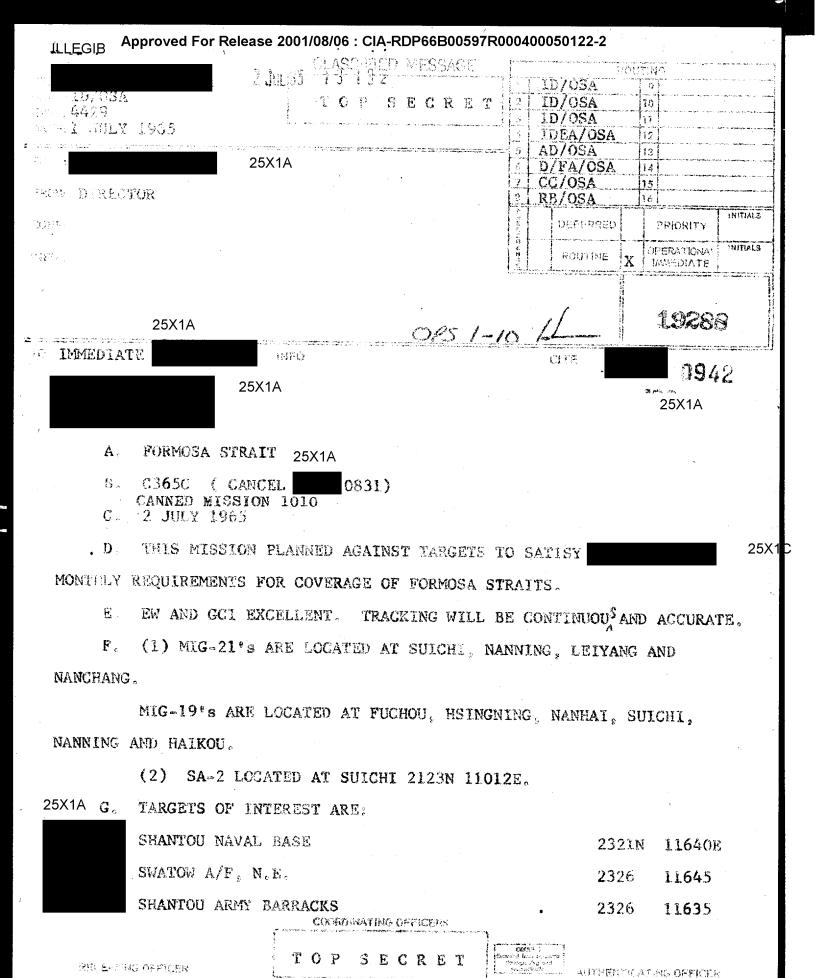


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